

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
HELD ON MARCH 16, 2017**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Moldafsky called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.
- II. ROLL:** Also present were Vice Chairman Hoopes and Commissioners Balcazar and King. Commissioner Fuelling arrived at 7:33 a.m.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Flag Salute was recited.
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** There were none.
- V. CONSENT CALENDAR:**
- A.** Minutes –1-19-2017 DC Meeting – M/S/C- Hoopes/Balcazar to approve the minutes. Approved 5-0.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Design Review 17-02;** Starbucks; 2230 Foothill Blvd.; exterior remodeling of and color/material change to existing building. New wall and monument signs.

Consulting Planner/Architect Roger Cantrell gave a presentation in accordance with the staff report. He explained that the proposed exterior building architectural elements are of a Craftsman style. The building configuration and size will not change. Staff recommends roof extension and creation of a gable to the front.

A proposed alternate staff design contains a canopy. Mr. Cantrell suggested removing the proposed drive-thru sign that is shown on the east elevation. He also explained that the rear of the building is not very visible and no additional upgrades are proposed on that portion of the building.

Mr. Cantrell said that staff believes there is a slight excess in signage area proposed for the building. He recommended deleting one proposed drive-thru sign. He also said that an existing pergola would be replaced with a canopy on the east side of the building.

Mr. Cantrell said that he recommended that positive findings be made in support of the project.

Vice Chairman Hoopes said that he was concerned over the menu board and back-lit signs throughout the proposed project site.

Mr. Cantrell confirmed that the proposed message board signs consist of five menu board sign panels.

The Commission suggested deleting the side drive-thru sign.

Mr. Cantrell explained that current landscaping near the menu board is proposed to be removed.

Chairman Moldafsky expressed his concern with stacking of cars in the drive-through.

Speaker, Shannon Malik, explained that the menu board can make a difference in the stacking of cars.

Commissioner Fuelling said that the architectural wooden elements were a nice addition.

The Commission indicated that they had concerns that the sign placed on the north elevation was too high on the fascia.

Commissioner King said that if the size of the signs were reduced, it would look unbalanced. She said that she preferred the staff alternative. She believed that the drive-thru signage was too cluttered.

Vice Chairman Hoopes said that he agreed with Commissioner King that the staff alternate is preferable. The proposed design for the façade facing the street is good. He did say that he felt the roof color was too dark.

Commissioner Balcazar agreed with Vice Chairman Hoopes.

Chairman Moldafsky said that he liked staff's alternative.

The Commission discussed the height of the business signage disk.

Mr. Cantrell said that the disk could be moved down and centered.

Vice Chairman Hoopes said that he wished to see a sample of the signage.

Mr. Gjolme indicated that if the Commission approved the remodel, the colors and size would be brought back for review on the Consent Calendar.

The Commission said that they believed that the colors should be field verified and that perhaps a subcommittee should be formed.

M/S/C – Hoopes/Balcazar to approve the exterior remodeling and landscaping and bring colors, materials, and signs back for further review.
Approved 5-0.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner King asked staff about the trees at Ralphs. Mr. Gjolme attempted to contact Ralphs staff regarding their Code Enforcement case, but has not received a reply as of the date of this meeting.

Chairman Moldafsky asked if there would be penalties assessed for the violations at Ralphs.

Mr. Gjolme said that there would be fines assessed for noncompliance.

Commissioner King remarked about how nice the Hydrogen Station in La Cañada Flintridge appears as opposed to Stations in other cities that she had found to be unsightly.

Mr. Gjolme said that staff is monitoring the monument sign at the 76 Station on Foothill Boulevard and Angeles Crest Highway.

Commissioner Fuelling asked staff about the status of Hill Street Café's improvements as well as the 76 Station located on Foothill Boulevard and Alta Canyada Boulevard.

Mr. Gjolme indicated that Hill Street's plans are currently in plan check and that the owner of the 76 Station has begun the upgrades to the Station.

IX. COMMENTS FROM STAFF: There were none.

X. ADJOURNMENT: M/S/C – King/Fuelling to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 a.m.
Approved 5-0.